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THE ROMANCE OF A BROOD MARE.

(By Astor in the "Standard.")
It was generally thought that the Newmarket December Sales last week would not quite rival those of twelve months ago in the sum realised on account of the shortage of money on the Continent owing to the recent war in the East. The Russian sportsman, M. Mantaschoff came to the rescue, however, and made the bidding on many occasions very brisk, for he expended close on £50,000. Statistics, as a rule, are not very interesting reading; still it is gratifying to those who make racing a hobby to see the amount of vitality that still exists in British bloodstock breeding. In the last six years prices, so far as the famous Newmarket Sales are concerned, have increased a hundred per cent. Turning back to the records of 1908, some 596 lots were knocked down by Messrs. Tatnell for a total of 125,140gns., an average of 210gns. a lot, but at the conclusion of this year's sales the figures were in the case of prices more than doubled, as 713 lots fetched 308,558gns., which works out an average of very nearly 433gns. Since 1908 there has been an increase each year. Twelve months ago it was thought that the high-water mark had been reached when the average went up to 360gns., but that was easily eclipsed last week.

These figures would have shown an even more wonderful result but for the fact that reserves placed on many lots that were withdrawn. Amongst the unsold lots were such well-known horses as Calumet (4,500gns.), Talli-Bardine (4,500gns.) and Magic (2,900gns.). The last named best Bayardo for the Goodwood Cup some three years ago. The feature of the sales, however, was the high price given for brood-mares. When M. Mantaschoff got going he was hard to beat in this direction. On the opening afternoon he had a rare tussle with Mr. E. M. Weatherly for Lalia, a young mare by Gallinule-Edme, but the keeper of the match-book outlasted him by bidding 5,700gns. The Russian owner, however, would not be defeated on the following afternoon, for amongst his many purchases were Roche Noir (1,000gns.), Miss Pinkie (1,350gns.), Maccigny (1,300gns.), Excellence (3,500gns.), and Sunkiss (5,000gns.). The last mentioned was bred by Mr. J. B. Jod in 1908, and is a doubtfully sired daughter of Absurdity, by either Sir Godfrey or Sundridge, therefore is either a full or half-sister to such good horses as Absurd, Black Jester, and the Oaks winner Jost.

There is quite a romance about this mare. I well remember Sir Charles Nugent buying her for Colonel Fenwick at Windsor some three years ago, after she had won a two-year-old selling plate. The price paid for her was 800gns. This was the only race she won in this country, and after four failures in the Black jacket at the end of the season she was sold at Lingfield to the Epsom horse-dealer Mr. W. Hopkins for 105gns. She was then sent to South Africa, where she won several races, and was bought by Sir Abe Bailey, who sent her back to England to be mated with the Royal Hunt Cup winner Dark Ronald. Twelve months ago she was catalogued at the Newmarket Sales as the joint property of Sir Abe Bailey and Mr. Donald Fraser, and was purchased by the latter gentleman for £200gns. M. Mantaschoff, who is still a comparatively young man, headed the list of winning owners in Russia last year. He commenced life, I am told, in humble circumstances, but a turn in the wheel of fortune has placed him in the position of an all-magnate. In addition to his purchases of brood-mares, he gave 5,100gns. for a foal by Bayardo-Chevalier Cal, a record price for a youngster not yet a year old.

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THE LAUREATE'S CHRISTMAS POEM.

Revival of an Ancient Custom.

Dr. Robert Bridges As "Versificator Regis."

The poem which we publish below was sent by Dr. Robert Bridges, the Poet Laureate to the King, and it appears in "The Times" of December 24 by his Majesty's express desire. The subject of the poem, which is the first-fruit of Dr. Bridges' official appointment, the day of its appearance, and the circumstances of its dedication could not have been more appropriate; and Dr. Bridges may be regarded as both conscious of, and happy in, the duties of his ancient office. He has assumed without delay the functions of "Versificator Regis," a personage whose privileges are at least as old as the times of the Plantagenets, and older by several centuries than the style of the Laureate. Like his remote predecessor, he has availed himself of his right to address the Sovereign, not on a state occasion, but at a time of Christian festival. To the period of his first predecessor, whom we hear of at least as early as 1340, he appears, as many of our readers will at once recognize, to have reverted, with much grace and felicity, for the form in which his poem is cast. It is not improbable that the Court Minstrel of the early 14th century would have used the same Germanic rhythm, based upon alliteration and the central pause, which is best known to us now from the "Vision of Piers Plowman."

Dr. Bridges therefore has sought one of the earliest founts of English inspiration, and has attested the continuity both of the inspiration and the office. He has been happy also in the choice of his subject. The great festival of Christendom, at Christmas, has given a theme to countless poets, both great and small, in England. Of these the names of the principal will occur to all; but we may remind our readers that it is by his Christmas hymn that one of the least significant of the Poets Laureate has won a measure of immortality. The words which will be on the lips of thousands today and to-morrow, "While Shepherds watched their flocks by night," were written by Nahum Tate, Poet Laureate from 1692 to 1715.

Christmas Eve.

PAY HOMINISTS DONALD VOLONTARI.

A Frosty Christmas-eve, when the stars were shining
Frore forth alone, where westward falls the hill
And from many a village, in the water'd valley
Distant music reached me, peals of bells a-ringing;
The constellated sounds, ran sprinkling on earth's floor
As the dark vault above, with stars was spangled o'er.

Then sped my thought to keep, that first Christmas of all
When the shepherds watching, by their flocks ere the dawn
Heard music in the fields, and marvelling could not tell
Whether it were angels, or the bright stars singing.

Now blessed be the towers, that crown England so fair
That stand up strong in prayer, unto God for our souls:
Blessed be their founders, (said I) and our country-folk
Who are ringing for Christ, in the bell-towers to-night.

With arms lifted to clutch, the rattling ropes that race
In the dark above, and the mad romping din.
But to me heard afar, it was heavenly music,
Angels' song comforting, as the comfort of Christ.

When he spoke tenderly, to his sorrowful flock:
The old words came to me, by the riches of time
Mellow'd and transfigured, as I stood on the hill
Hark'ning in the aspect, of th' eternal silence.

ROBERT BRIDGES.

INDUSTRIAL CENSUS OF NATAL.

In the absence of a Government statistical bureau it is extremely difficult to obtain accurate information regarding the annual development of the important industries of the Union. The following figures relating to the Province of Natal have been taken from the Census returns for May 1911, which have recently been published. At that time, the occupied lands of Natal aggregated 17,333,112 acres, of which 1,470,704 acres were under cultivation, 239,411 acres were lying fallow, and 9,622,997 acres were used as grazing land. The various factory industries numbered 359. Some of these industries, notably sugar-making, soap-making, brewing and distilling, have been enlarged to a considerable extent since the date of the Census.

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WOMEN WORKERS.

Interesting Census Figures.

There was issued on Dec. 16 Vol. 10 of the series of reports on the recent census of England and Wales. It is a document of close on 800 foolscap pages, and consists of a statistical table giving particulars of the occupations of the population in each urban and rural area. It is explained that the size of the tables dealing with the subject renders it impracticable to include the whole in a single volume, and in order to obviate any further delay in publishing the available figures, it was decided to issue these in advance of the other tables, and the report on the whole subject, the preparation of which will shortly be completed.

Out of a total population of 15,662,200 males and 14,837,113 females of ten years and upwards, the numbers returned as engaged in occupations and as unemployed respectively were as follows:

	Males.	Females.
Engaged in Occupations	11,453,605	4,830,734
Unemployed	2,208,595	10,026,379

A classification of the females in regard to marital condition gives the following results:

	Unmarried.	Married.	Widowed.
Total	6,892,025	6,830,284	1,364,304
Engaged in Occupations	3,739,532	680,191	411,011
Unemployed	3,152,493	5,050,093	953,293

As many as 21,580 boys and 10,243 girls between the ages of 10 and 15 were returned as engaged in occupations, and 7,561 boys and 39,033 girls aged from 15 to 14.

Details particulars of occupations show that there were at the date of the census 10,814 men and 31,538 women in the Government service, and 107,810 men (including 53,190 police) and 19,437 women in the employment of local authorities.

INVASION OF THE PROFESSIONS.

The appended table shows at a glance the extent to which women have invaded the professions and their subordinate services, a noteworthy feature being the inclusion of three ladies under the heading of "clergymen, priests, ministers":

	Males.	Females.
1. Clerical—Clergymen, Priests, Ministers	89,201	3
Others	13,157	14,212
2. Legal—Barristers, Solicitors	21,389	—
Law Clerks	34,106	2,159
3. Medical—Physicians, Surgeons, Registered Practitioners	22,992	474
Midwives, Sick Nurses, Invalid Attendants	1,257	83,662
Others	14,004	3,860
4. Teaching—Literary, Scientific, and Political	25,499	5,680
6. Engineers and Surveyors	12,271	—
7 and 8. Art, Music, Drama, &c.	107,223	49,998
Painters, Sculptors, Artists	7,417	4,202
Photographers	11,899	5,018
Musicians, Music Masters, Singers	22,844	24,272
Actors	9,076	9,171

As regards commercial occupations, 4,201 women were returned under the heading of merchants, agents, and accountants, this total including 2,727 brokers and agents and 665 commercial travellers. There were also 5,489 women engaged in banking and insurance. Female commercial and business clerks numbered 117,057, compared with 300,478 males engaged in the same occupations.

Ordinary indoor domestic service gave employment to 1,271,090 women, and in addition 63,938 were engaged in hotels and in lodging and eating houses. Female domestic outdoor workers included one groom and 108 gardeners. Among domestic male servants there were 67,223 coachmen, 21,151 motor-car drivers and attendants, 118,739 gardeners, and 17,148 game-keepers.

Other women workers enumerated include 25 farm bailiffs, 6 shepherds, 140 builders, 166 painters and decorators, 127,115 tailors, 66,578 milliners, 339,240 dressmakers, 10,271 milliners and dairy-maids, 11,881 butchers, 66,242 bakers and confectioners, 63,408 grocers, 61,452 board and lodging-house keepers, 60,643 hotel keepers and publicans, 2,571 pawnbrokers, and 128,061 charwomen.

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Britomart	river gunboat	710	3	900	Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Darvall	Shanghai
Cadmus	aloop	1070	6	1400	Capt. H. P. E. T. Williams	Shanghai
Cerberus	torpedo boat destroyer	560	4	7500	Lieut. H. T. England	Ming Bay
Cherub	water tank and tug	330	—	300	—	Hongkong
Colo	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Collin Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Colne	torpedo boat destroyer	550	4	7500	Lieut. M. B. Birckett	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	550	4	7500	Lieut. C. M. Blackman	Hongkong
Hampshire	cruiser, 1st class	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. M. R. Hill	Canton
Jed	torpedo boat destroyer	560	4	7500	Lieut. G. F. A. Mulock	Hongkong
Kennet	torpedo boat destroyer	560	4	7500	Lieut. E. K. Boddam-Whetham	Hongkong
Kinsha	river gunboat	116	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze River
Morlin	aloop	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. O. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,500	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Moore	river gunboat	180	2	900	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	West River
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4900	12	23,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Shanghai
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	3	240	Lieut. Com. Malcolm Murray	Yangtze River
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lieut. R. W. Wilkinson	Ming Bay
Roar	depot ship, submarine	990	—	1400	Lieut. F. A. N. Cromie	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	3	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	3	240	Lt.-Com. I. A. S. Hutton	Ming Bay
Snipe	river gunboat	85	3	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice R. Lewis	Yangtze River
Tamar	receiving ship	4550	—	—	Commodore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. G. Stopford	Upper Yangtze River
Thistle	river gunboat	710	3	900	Lt.-Com. E. R. N. Cottrell-Dormer	Yangtze River
Triumph	battleship	11,935	18	13,500	Capt. P. Stratfield, M.V.O.	Hongkong
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Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Com. J. C. F. Borrett	Upper Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Yangtze River
Yarmouth	light cruiser	4250	—	22,000	Capt. H. L. Cochran	Shanghai
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0.38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. R. K. C. Pope	Hongkong
0.39	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	Hongkong
0.40	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Barton	West River
0.41	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	West River
0.42	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral T. H. M. Jerram, K.O.B., Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Speed.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Last report on
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Makovitz	Foochow
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Daveluy	Hongkong
Eleber	French armoured cruiser	9730	12	19,600	Capt. Goutas	Shanghai
Montcalm	French flag-ship	9800	—	—	Capt. de Vaisseau	Shanghai
Decidée	French gunboat	445	10	7000	Lieut. Vandier	Shanghai
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Durdet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Juvillier	Canton
Pelto	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongsha
Dondard de Lagre	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Duteemps	Tsichang-Kiao
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Boluis	Shanghai
Protes	French sub-marine	—	—	—	—	Shanghai
* Glyx	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Shanghai
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	300	Lieut. Aurillac	Shanghai
Iberville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Shanghai
Fistulet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessar	Shanghai
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	—	Shanghai
Manche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	9000	Comdr. Voisin	Shanghai
* Flagship of Capt. (Commodore) Boudcaut, Commanding the local defence Indo China.						
Emden	German cruiser	3800	22	13,500	Capt. v. Roebuck	Hongkong
Gisela	German armoured cruiser	11,000	38	28,000	Captain Brunningham	Shanghai
Ilia	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tientsin
Leipzig	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tientsin
Luchs	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tientsin
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Möhrberg	Tientsin
Other	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Frie	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flag-ship	11,000	38	28,000	Capt. von Schultz	Tientsin
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	6500	Capt. Lieut. Barenberg	Tientsin
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	8000	Obt. v. S. Classen	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Röcker	Tientsin
Tsingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. von Möller	Canton
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Obt. v. S. Pries	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	4145	—	—	Comdr. Sommi Piccardi	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Masc	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patia	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain José de Carvalho Gato	Macao

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Albatross	U. S. protected cruiser	9430	10	7500	Com. M. L. Bristol	Canton
Bainbridge	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign H. A. Jones	Cavite
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Calhoun	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Chambers	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Cincinnati	U. S. protected cruiser	3183	11	10,000	Comdr. S. S. Robinson	Canton
Cleaveland	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Decatur	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. B. H. Green	Cavite
El Canoe	U. S. gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Comdr. R. Cannon	Shanghai
Helms	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1968	Comdr. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Hobbs	U. S. station ship	1900	6	1100	Lieut. R. V. Lowe	Canto
Hood	U. S. monitor	3290	6	3000	Lt. E. P. Svan	Olongapo
Hood	U. S. monitor	4084	4	6277	Commander J. V. Chase	Olongapo
Hopkins	U. S. gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Canton
Hopkins	U. S. sea going tug	854	2	1600	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Hopkins	U. S. Repair ship	2053	—	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
Hopkins	U. S. gunboat	350	3	208	Lieut. J. J. Hannigan	Shanghai
Hopkins	U. S. cruiser	4360	14	1500	Lt. Comdr. D. W. Wartsough	Swatow
Hopkins	U. S. gunboat	243	8	220	Lt. G. O. Dietman	Shanghai
Hopkins	U. S. armored cruiser	8115	14	17,401	Comdr. H. A. Wiley	Swatow
Hopkins	U. S. gunboat	370	9	298	Lieut. F. Durr	Shanghai
Hopkins	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1894	Comdr. J. F. Hubbard	Swatow
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BIRTH.

SHEPHERD.—At Matilda Hospital, on 21st inst., to Mr. and Mrs. E. Dace, SHEPHERD, a daughter.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, January 23.—Stockbrokers' Settling Day. 9 p.m.—Volunteer Ball.

SATURDAY, January 24.—B. King at the City Hall.

SUNDAY, January 25.—Excursion to Macao.

MONDAY, January 26.—Chinese New Year Day.

10 a.m.—H.K. Cricket Club v United Services at Club Ground.

TUESDAY, January 27.—Emperor of Germany's Birthday (1859).

WEDNESDAY, January 28.—11.30 a.m.—Meeting of the H.K. Land Reclamation Co.

11.45 a.m.—Meeting of the West Point Building Co.

Noon.—Meeting of the Land Invest & Agency Co.

12.30.—Extraordinary Gen. Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Co.

SATURDAY, February 7.—9 a.m.—Bookings open for "The Idol's Eye."

9.15 p.m.—Philharmonic Society's Concert.

TUESDAY, February 10.—5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.

WED. Feb. 11, THU. 12 & FRI. 13.—"The Idol's Eye" by H.K. A.D.C. at Theatre Royal, City Hall.

MON. Feb. 16, TUES. 17 & WED. 18.—Jockey Club Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

THURSDAY, February 19.—Ball at Government House.

SATURDAY, February 21.—Jockey Club Race Meeting.—Off at 2.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21, 1914.

LEARNING FROM ANCIENT CHINA.

WHILE the Egyptian Exploration Fund has been instrumental in yielding up its wonderful papyri from the rubbish heaps and mummies of Fayum and other places, enabling us to get an insight into the business of everyday life thousands of years ago, it may be worth while once more to call attention to the wonderful discoveries of Dr. Aurel Stein in the desert ruins between Khoten and Tunhwang, which throw an analogous clear light upon the intimate daily life of Chinese administrators and pioneer outposts in Eastern Turkestan at a period almost equally remote. It is some years since these excavations were made, and most of the documents discovered consists of strips of wood many or most of which are now view in one of the other of our great museums; but the interval has been industriously and methodically employed in their elucidation by Professor Edward Chavannes of Paris, whose masterly collations and interpretations of about a thousand specimens have just been published by the Oxford University Press in a magnificent three guinea volume. Photographic reproductions of the numbered originals are given, and separately we find corresponding and numbered renderings in modern Chinese text, together with French translations and admirably clear annotations, comparisons, and explanations. The first thing that strikes the student of Chinese is the extraordinary resemblance between the "demotic" of 2,000 years ago, and the current "running" handwriting of to-day; but that and other special

questions, such as organisation, discipline, rates of pay, prices of commodities, system of instruction, penal laws, and so on are each of them worth a special study by themselves, the object of this particular article is merely to suggest how the Chinese endless cycle of sixty, as applied to years and days, might possibly be turned to convenient use by modern Western astronomers and mathematicians as a means of saving time in registering temporary if not permanent calculations. It must be explained that a Chinese Jesuit named Peter Hoang spent the last days of his life a few years ago in the gigantic labour of working out the exact Julian and Gregorian days for every single day in serious Chinese history. No matter what difficulties interpose themselves between occidental and oriental, solar and lunar calendars, or what arrangements are made from age to age in interpolating intercalary months or days, leap years, and such makeshifts, the annual cycle and the daily cycle inevitably run smoothly on inexorably and smoothly in *omnevolubilis curva*; and this both forwards and backwards, for a day is always a day on earth, no matter what the sun and the moon may seem to do in their courses; on the other hand a year, Chinese or Western, long or short, has solstices and equinoxes to keep it within a certain Procrustean bed, however much we may shift the beginning of it. The Chinese cycle may easily be described in English equivalents: there are two groups of practically meaningless signs which may be rendered by the equally meaningless letters of our alphabet: one group consists of ten, the other of twelve: the first group we may call A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and the second group K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V. Thus AK is the first year of any cycle, whilst JT is the tenth; but, as the first group only contains ten signs to the twelve of the second, the eleventh year becomes AU, and the 20th year JR and so it goes on until the last or 60th year of the cycle, which is of course JV. Now, Dr. Aurel Stein's wooden documents, after being buried 2,000 years in the sands of Gobi, the oldest goes back to B. C. 98—contain innumerable indications of years and days that correspond exactly with the laborious (he himself, in his weariness, uses the word *fastidious*) calculations of Pere Hoang made, so to speak, but yesterday: nay more, Professor Chavannes is even able to superadd a slight correction in one case, which does not, however, affect the real day date, but only shows that the modern mathematician has put the intercalary moon slightly out of sidereal order. Moreover, over and above the fact that the moon's phases are fitted with day dates for thousands of years, a curious new discovery of "fixed points" has now been made, the precise significance of which is not yet quite manifest, but which apparently corresponds in some way with the sidereal position of the moon in its "mansions." These "fixed points" are found to occur at intervals of twelve clear days if they come in the same moon, but at intervals of thirteen clear days if they occur in one moon and in the next following moon. M. Chavannes, so far as 25 years back, displayed great mathematical acumen in working out the ancient Chinese calendar systems, and of course he is quite in his element now in patiently solving the many problems raised by Dr. Stein's documents. The point here suggested, however, is this—Forty cycles of sixty years each would take us back 2,400 years, which for most purposes is the limit of our Western historical knowledge, and there are roughly six cycles of days in a year, or 14,400 of them in 2,400 years; say 864,000 days. Thus 17/18 would stand for the 17th cycle beginning with 500 B.C. and the 18th year of that cycle. 41 course 5,000 years instead of 2,400 could be used equally well for Egyptian and Babylonian calculations. Calculating backwards or forwards from any year possessing a known cycle-figure—for instance AK is 1924, 1864, 1804, and so backwards to A. D. 4—it is impossible to go wrong; and in the same way when an absolutely certain cyclic day date is known, e.g. that of a great earthquake or eclipse, or astronomical dates backwards or forwards may be similarly calculated by intervals of sixty so as to fix relatively, and, if necessary, positively any other uncertain date. Sir William Ramsay has recently expressed the opinion that it would have been better if we had adopted the Chinese method of writing instead of our own, as each character instantly suggests to the eye what is meant independently of all spelling. It is indeed a fact that the pages of a Chinese book may be

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A sampans' capsize in a squall this morning, but so far as is known no lives were lost.

The Legislative Council meets to-morrow. Three Bills are down for first reading and two for second reading.

During the heavy blow last night a ballast boat broke away from its moorings in the harbour and drifted against Holt's wharf at Kowloon.

Miss E. Morrison, of 40, Hollywood Road has reported to the police the theft of three bracelets, valued at \$250, from her house.

Arrested on a wharf with a revolver in his possession, at the Magistracy to-day a Chinese was fined \$100 for having no permit to carry arms.

The police have received reports of a number of thefts and robberies from Chinese houses, the value of the property stolen amounting to about \$600.

Since the first of the month butter worth \$20 has disappeared from the Kowloon godowns. The police are making inquiries into the theft.

Detective-Sergeants Murphy and Clark executed a search warrant yesterday and arrested a man for being in unlawful possession of 338 tins of margarine butter.

The Army Council has approved of the grant of the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel to Major R. N. Bray, while employed as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Inspector McDonald, who has completed eighteen years' service in the Police Force, not counting two years which he has spent on leave, signed on to-day for a further period of five years.

We have received a copy of the Hong Kong Civil Service List for 1914, a volume of 226 pages which gives particulars of the service, offices, qualifications and salary of all the Hong Kong Civil Servants, as well as much other information useful to the public.

What is probably a record rifle score by a lady in Hongkong was made yesterday on the Dockyard R.C. range at Tai Hang by Mrs. A. T. Brock. Mrs. Brock is the wife of the club secretary and her scores, on Blaser targets at 200, 300 and 400 yards, were 23, 23, 29—91, out of a possible of 103.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. J. R. Wood committed for trial at the Sessions two Chinese on a charge of participating in an attempted armed robbery at a Chinese house in Hung Ring Lane. Men armed with knives and revolvers attacked the mistress of the house, to which they had gained admittance by a ruse, but she screamed out for help and the men bolted, the prisoners flight being arrested by a watchman.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary notifies that H. E. the Governor-in-Council has, under Section 7 of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, (Ordinance No. 5 of 1912), appointed Tuesday, January 27, to be observed as a general holiday.

It is also notified that the Governor has been pleased to exclude the Police Magistrates' Department from the operation of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, (Ordinance No. 5 of 1912), on Tuesday, January 27.

At the Magistracy this morning a sampans' woman and a man were charged with being in unlawful possession of forty and five tins of opium respectively. Mr. R. C. Farhall defended the woman and Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Gird, appeared for the man. It was stated by the solicitors for the defence that the sampans' woman was asked to row a man and his luggage to a ship, agreeing to make the journey for fifty cents. A revenue officer came up at this juncture and the man thereupon ran away. The woman was arrested, with the other defendant, who merely happened to be standing by. The opium was found in the parcel which the woman was carrying to her boat. The man produced a permit for his five tins of opium. Both summonses were dismissed.

turned rapidly over and the gift gathered by a practised hand without the trouble of reading at all, or of forming any sound picture to the brain. Any however that may be, the endless Chinese cycle of years and days perhaps possesses latent potentialities of accuracy which may give it a sort of algebraical and time-saving value for mathematicians; and though they may understand little or nothing of the other curiosities and marvels elucidated by Professor Chavannes, they may at least enjoy a feast of reason in studying how the Chinese have for millenniums succeeded in evolving a system of dating events more accurate in its simplicity than any thing we have ever possessed or possess in the West, or at least more capable of being understood of the people, and of being applied by rule of thumb to the common purposes of life.—E. H. PARKER.

TURF TOPICS.

There was a large attendance at the Race Course this morning to watch the number of gallops that were booked off in quick succession one after the other; with often several going at the same time. The morning broke clear, though there were dark clouds flying overhead, which gave promise of the much needed rain to soften the course and improve the turf. The course was fast, being hard and dry—not sufficient dew having fallen to soften the surface; and with a strong westerly wind blowing down the home straight, some fast last-quarters were accomplished.

TIMES.

The times taken were—
Mr. Sedgwick's Sweet William (owner), 0, 1 mile last half, 1.08; last 3, 32.
Mr. John Peel's President (boy), 1, 1 mile last half, 1.00.
Mr. John Peel's Fiddle Bird (boy), 1, 1 mile, 35, 1.09.2, 1.43.3, 2.16; last quarter, 32.2.
Sir Paul Chater's Royal Boso (boy), 0, 1 mile, 37.2, 1.14, 1.51.3, 2.28.4, —, 3.37.3.
Sir Paul Chater's Sunlight (boy), 0, 1 mile last 3, 31.3.
Sir Paul Chater's Conqueror Aster, late Truff (boy), 0, 1 mile, 35, 1.12, 1.51, 2.29.2, 3.59; last 3, 29.3.
Sir Paul Chater's Triumph Aster, late Flock (boy), 0, 1 mile, 44, 1.21.3, 1.50, 2.36.1, 3.10, 3.44; last 3, 34.
Mr. Brutton's Radium II. (owner), 0, 1 mile last 3, 31.1, 1.47.3, 2.20.3; last 3, 33.
Mr. Sedgwick's Sea (owner), 0, 1 mile, 38.3, 1.18, 1.54, 2.27; last 3, 33.
Mr. White's Cleric (boy), 0, 1 mile, —, 1.20, 1.58, —, 3.05.2.
Mr. Kadocrie's Durbur Chief (boy), 0, 1 mile, 35.2, 1.11.1, 1.48, 2.18.2; last 3, 30.2.
Mr. Kadocrie's Maltratta Chief (boy), 0, 1 mile last 3, 31.1, 1.43.1; last 3, 31.
Mr. Kadocrie's Fijian Chief (boy), 0, 1 mile, 35.2, 1.05.2; last 3, 30.4.
Mr. Kadocrie's Barrow Chief and dark grey "Navy Cupper" (boys), 0, 1 mile last 3, 31.4, 1.53.1, 2.25; last 3, 31.4.
Mr. Soars's Violini (boy), 0, 1 mile last 3, 31.1.
Rice Bird (Hickman), 0, 1 mile last 3, 1.10.2; last 3, 32.2.

BERRY CRIPPS.

Mr. Gilpin's Sir Galahad (boy), 1, 1 mile, —, —, 1.49.2, 2.22; last 3, 32.3.
Mr. Kadocrie's Roman Chief (boy), 0, 1 mile last 3, 1.06.1; last 3, 31.1.
Mr. Kadocrie's Saxon Chief (boy), 0, 1 mile, 37.1, 1.15, 1.53, 2.29.2, 3.01; last 3, 31.3.
Mr. Kadocrie's Nigerian Chief (boy), 0, 1 mile, 36.1, 1.10.3, 1.45, 2.21.1, 2.53.3; last 3, 31.1.
Mr. Melland's Luetzo Hop (boy) and chestnut sub. (Skull), 0, 1 mile, 37, 1.13, 1.44; last 3, 31.
Mr. Norman's Pak Kwai (Sob), and Mr. Apple's sub. (boy), 0, 1 mile last 3, —, 1.12.1, 1.48.3; last 3, 34.2.
Sir Paul Chater's Crown Aster (boy), 0, 1 mile, 37, 1.11.2, 1.48.3, 2.27.2, 3.04.4, 3.35.2; last 3, 30.3.
Sir Paul Chater's chest. Jewel Aster (boy), 0, 1 mile, 38, 1.12.1, 1.49, 2.25, 3.0, 3.31.1; last 3, 31.1.
Sir Paul Chater's dark grey Britannia Dahlia (N.C.) (boy), 0, 1 mile, 35, 1.00, 1.43, 2.17.1, 2.49; last 3, 32.1.
Mr. John Peel's grey (boy), 1, (with Fiddle Bird), 1 mile, 35, 1.09.2, 1.43.3, 2.15.2; last 3, 31.4.
Mr. John Peel's white and grey with blinkers (boys), 1, 1 mile last 3, 33.8, 1.08, 1.49.4; last 3, 32.4.
Mr. Soars's Polkalini (boy), 0, 1 mile, 35.5, 1.07, 1.48; last 3, 33.2, 1.15, 1.47; last 3, 32.
Mr. Soars's Banjolini (boy), 0, 1 mile, 34, 1.09, 1.43.2, 2.18.1, 2.50; last 3, 31.4.
Mr. Stubb's, 0, 1 mile, 38, 1.13.2, 1.44.2; last 3, 31.

SUBSCRIPTION GIVING.

Mr. Henry May's, 1 mile, 1.45.
Mr. Sedgwick's Brown Boy (boy), 0, 1 mile, 40, 1.19, 1.57, 2.29; last 3, 32.
Mr. Sassoon's Candy Kid (boy), 0, 1 mile, 1.06.3; last 3, 31.2.
Hongkong Bank Mess' black (Sedgwick), 0, 1 mile, 1.08.2; last 3, 37.
Messrs. Lowe and Hickman's Gt. dm. (Hickman), 0, 1 mile, 41, 1.19, 1.51; last 3, 32.
Mr. Sedgwick's Tango (Knoll), 0, 1 mile, 37.2, 1.10.2, 1.45.3; last 3, 32.1.
Mr. Friesland's black (boy), 0, 1 mile, 35, 1.12, 1.49.3, 2.23.8, 2.49; last 3, 34.2.
Mr. Richardson's (Hickman), 0, 1 mile last 3, 32.3.
Mr. David's (Knoll), 0, 1 mile, 37.2, 1.14.1, 1.47; last 3, 32.4.
Mr. Hough's brown (boy), 1, 1 mile last 3, 32.4.
Mr. Brutton's dm. (boy), 0, 1 mile last 3, 37, 1.18, 1.46; last 3, 33.
Mr. Norman's ple and Mr. Fitzwilliam's (boys), 1 mile, 1.07; last 3, 31.
Mr. Kadocrie's bay (boy), 0, 1 mile, 36, 1.12, 1.49.3, 2.23.1; last 3, 34.8.
Mr. Kadocrie's brown (Mexican Chief) (boy), 0, 1 mile, 37, 1.14.2, 1.45.4; last 3, 31.2.
Jardine Junior Mess', 1 mile last 3, 35, 1.00, 1.47; last 3, 33.
Mr. Haskins' on and boy on another, 0, 1 mile, 37.1, 1.13, 1.40; last 3, 33.

A CONFIRMED OPIUM SMOKER.

HAD TO HAVE HIS PIPE.

A Canton resident named Sum Ling Chi was charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this morning with being in possession of twenty tins of opium—fifteen tins in excess of the amount allowed by law—without written permission from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Mr. G. R. Heywood, of Mr. Lee D'Almeida's office, defended, and said that his client, a confirmed opium smoker, being unable to obtain opium in Canton, became very sick and in consequence came to Hongkong to procure a supply of the drug. He bought twenty tins and was going to Taipo to smoke it when he was arrested. He submitted that the defendant was only guilty of a technical offence and pointed out that this was not an opium farmer's prosecution, and that all the man did was to neglect to get permission to take the opium from Hongkong. He drew his Worship's attention to the fact that under a new Ordinance on and after March 1st it would be legal for a person to possess twenty tins of opium, and said that in view of this it would be seen how trivial the offence was. His Worship would know, Mr. Heywood added, that if opium smokers could not get their smoke they became very sick, and that as a matter of fact opium water was supplied in the jail to opium smoking prisoners. They had to have it; there was no doubt about that.

His Worship said the object of the Ordinance was to prevent dealing in opium.

Mr. Heywood agreed, but pointed out there was no question of dealing in this case. It was not even alleged, and the facts were not in dispute.

Mr. Wood imposed a fine of \$750.

Mr. Heywood: \$750? Do you seriously suggest that?

Mr. Wood: That is the fine Mr. Heywood.

Mr. Heywood: \$750?

Mr. Wood: No; \$750.

Mr. Heywood: I shall appeal, that is all.

Later Mr. Heywood made an application for the return of the five tins of opium which the law allowed defendant to possess, and his Worship said he would consider the application and make known his decision to-morrow.

Sir Paul Chater's chestnut (boy), 0, 1 mile last 3, 31.1, 1.44.1, 1.46.1; last 3, 32.
Sir Paul Chater's nutmeg grey (boy), 0, 1 mile, 37.2, 1.13.1, 1.48.1, 2.24.3, 3.02.1, 3.36; last 3, 33.4.
Sir Paul Chater's spd. white (boy), 0, 1 mile, 42, 1.20, 1.53; last 3, 33.
Sir Paul Chater's bay (boy), 0, 1 mile, 37, 1.13.4, 1.48.4; last 3, 33.
Dr. Jordan's white (boy), 0, 1 mile, 1.03.3; last 3, 30.1.
[Note.—o, outside course; i, inside course.]

THE JAPANESE ERUPTIONS.

Official Details.

The local Consul-General for Japan courteously sends us the following:—

The following official telegram was received at the Japanese Consulate-General at 8 a.m., 21st January:—

Putting together official reports till the 18th sent by Kagoshima Governor and officers despatched by the Home Ministry, extension of damage at Kagoshima is as follows:—

Interior condition of the volcano may maintain the same state for some time to come but presuming that there may not be danger any longer a party of explorers are climbing the volcano. 840 houses at Kuaza, one of the 18 sections in the island, are all burned down, and many domestic animals were killed but with less victim of inhabitants contrary to expectation. Besides Sakurajima, there were damages in "Kimotsuki" and "Kera" districts on account of the fall of ash and pumice-stones, and consequently the inhabitants in these districts need assistance, in addition to the 20,000 sufferers in Sakurajima. The death toll in Kagoshima city is 18 in total, including 4 in the neighbouring district, and other victims are 67 of seriously wounded, 71 slightly injured. The other damages in the city are—35 of houses entirely destroyed, 113 of half destroyed houses, besides many partly broken houses, damaged stone and wooden walls, bridge and stone-ways or damaged ships. The big buildings such as bazars or manufactories received no damage. Almost half of refugees returned already to the city, and the primary schools are going to open again within a few days. In a word the extension of damage is not in such a degree as anticipated in the beginning.

Damages in the North East provinces and the Hokkaido on account of famine and inundation are less than those of 1905, besides the total crop of this year in the Empire throughout being more than average crop.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

THERE is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first at last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has at all a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Stockkeepers.

CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to Croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemicals are usually closed, an (this alone should be a warning. Got and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Stockkeepers.

SUBMARINE AND LATENT ENERGY.

HONGKONG PROFESSORS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

University Extension Lectures Advocated.

Lecturing on Submarines before the members of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society at the City Hall last evening, Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering of Hongkong University, referred to the electron theory, as put forward by Professor J. J. Thomson, of Cambridge University, and prophesied that in years to come, when the secret of the electron was discovered and their energy could be released and made to do the work now done by steam, oil and coal, and in China by muscular energy, in a vessel the size of a match-box it would be possible to take sufficient energy to drive a liner from London to Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K. C., presided over a large attendance which included H. E. Sir Henry May K.C.M.G. and Lady May, and H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir T. B. M. Jerram.

The Chairman referred to the recent submarine disaster off Plymouth, which he said had brought home very forcibly to everyone of them the great debt of gratitude that they owed to all those who risked their lives in the service of the Empire. While it was, he feared, inevitable that such accidents should occur, he thought it was at least reasonable for them to hope and expect, that with the continued progress of engineering, accidents of this nature would happen far less frequently in the future.

Professor Smith's lecture was illustrated by sketches and photographs shown on the screen by a fine lantern. At the outset he described the history, utility and characteristics of the torpedo, and passing on to some of the early attempts of inventors to construct a submarine boat, traced the development of this class of war vessel to the present day types. The wonderful development of the submarine, as well as the motor car, had been made possible he said, by the discovery of Daimler of how to utilize oil as a propelling fuel, and opined that the next development would be in the provision of a lighter storage battery to drive the motors when submerged. The great problem which faced engineers at the present time was how to obtain the maximum of energy with the minimum of weight. Cost was a secondary consideration in naval engineering, as those who paid towards the support of H.M.'s fleet well knew. The enormously increasing cost of modern battleships, and the destruction of a single torpedo, made one incline to the opinion expressed by the British Admiralty some years ago when offered a submarine invention that such a form of warfare was hitting below the belt. Another theory, put forward by one of the early inventors was that if the cost of making warships was not reduced, it was an enormous extent the financiers would refuse to finance war and no line of peace would be brought about. This theory had recently been revived by Mr. Norman Angell in his book "The Great Illusion." Professor Smith then referred to the very close connection between all forms of scientific research, and said it seemed almost impossible to improve upon the present type of submarine without gaining knowledge which would be of great use to some other branches of engineering, and then speaking of Sir J. Thomson's great work and remarkable theory of electrons he said it was no idle dream which would not be realized. It simply meant that it would be possible, when the secret had been unlocked, that a receptacle the size of a match box would contain sufficient energy to drive a ship from London to Hongkong, and it could be utilised on aerial craft to such purpose that it opened up the possibility of going almost anywhere as space at an almost incredible speed. Whether we, our children, or our children's children would see it, it did not matter: it opened up a picture of life as it would be many years hence.

Acknowledging an expression of thanks voiced by Mr. Pollock, Professor Smith said he felt that some sort of effort should be made to have something in the nature of University Extension lectures. "They would provide us," he added, "with a more matter for discussion than the kind of hat Mrs. Jones was wearing at the Cathedral last Sunday" (laughter).

SPORTING.

Football.

THE PROPOSED INTERPORT MATCH.

A reply has been received by the Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association from the Hon. Sec. of the Shanghai F. A. with reference to the proposed inter-port match between the two Associations. The H.K. F. A. called last week asking for a definite answer, and Mr. Semmens has wired back "Impossible this season." The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting of the H.K. Football Association.

Tiding damage was caused by fire which broke out in a Chinese house, 50, Chatham Road, Hung Hom village, yesterday. It was caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp by a person who it is alleged was drunk at the time. The police assisted the inmates to extinguish the flames.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AMERICAN PRISON SENSATION.

DESPERATE AFFRAY WITH CONVICTS.

Girl Used As "Living Shield."

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Reuter's correspondent at McAlester, Oklahoma, telegraphs that three convicts, in possession of revolvers seized the gaolers keys and rushed to the prison gates firing at the guards and using the telephone girl as a living shield.

They unlocked the gates, dropped the girl, who was wounded, and jumped into a buggy.

The guards replied with a fusillade and, mounted, kept up a running fight. The convicts were killed, as were also three of the guards and an ex-Congressman who was visiting the prison.

CANADA'S NAVAL POLICY.

Statement by the Premier.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Reuter's Ottawa Correspondent states that in the House of Commons, Mr. Borden, the Prime Minister, answering Sir Wilfrid Laurier, declared that the Senate's rejection of the Naval Bill had brought discredit upon Canada and that the hostile majority of the Senate would not be given another opportunity of repeating the performance.

He also affirmed that when the Government were able to pass the Bill through the Senate, "it would be our duty to consult with the Imperial Parliament concerning these grave and important considerations."

The Premier also pointed out that if the Powers agreed to any restriction of armaments Canada would gladly review the position; otherwise she would proceed in due course with the construction of the three ships.

The Premier reiterated that Canada's permanent naval policy would be submitted at the next General Election, as he had already pledged.

ULSTER AND HOME RULE.

Enthusiasm at Belfast.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Sir Edward Carson, P.C., M.P., made two speeches at Belfast yesterday. He was enthusiastically applauded when he said, "We owe no loyalty except to the King, and if need be we shall prostrate ourselves before the throne as loyal citizens, and ask our King to save us. I do not believe that an appeal is fair. There have been conversations, but I can tell the Government that conversations or negotiations are no use unless they give us a basis for the preservation of our rights under the Imperial Parliament. The last time I saw Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, a few weeks ago, he said, 'Do you know what I would do?' I said, 'No, Sir,' and he said, 'Fight it out.' And we will fight it out. God, give us men at a time like this."

DEATH OF GENERAL PICQUART.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris telegraphs that the death has occurred of General Picquart, at one time Minister for War, who was prominent in the Dreyfus affair. He fell from his horse at Amiens on to the icy ground. Blood poisoning supervened, and he passed away.

POPULARISING ARMY SERVICE.

Recruiting By Cinematograph.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

In pursuance of the campaign for popularising service in the Army, a cinematograph film, representing various stages and aspects in the life of the Army, has been produced under the auspices of the War Office. Field-Marshal Earl Roberts and 1,000 men, representing the Aldershot Division, witnessed the first production.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

IN buying a cough medicine for children, bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for colds, croup and whooping cough, and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE SUBMARINE DISASTER.

VESSEL NOT YET DISCOVERED.

Letter From Officer's Father.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Colonel Grant Morrison, father of Sub-Lieut. Grant Morrison, who along with Lieut. Welman and nine men went down in Submarine A7 last Friday, has written to the newspapers hoping to arouse public opinion and have the risks attending submarines minimised.

Colonel Grant Morrison describes A Class as being obsolete and practically death traps; and states that it is incomprehensible that a great nation should allow its pluckiest sons to be sacrificed in, without boats, merely to satisfy Parliament and paper strength.

Ceaseless trawling has failed to discover the submarine.

AN AUSTRALIAN LOAN.

Revival In Investment Business.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The State of Victoria 4 per cent. Loan, amounting to £1,000,000, issued at 97, has been fully subscribed, and is quoted at a half premium.

This is declared to be symptomatic of a revival in investment business.

NAVAL COMMANDER FOUND DEAD.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Commander Hamilton-Gordon of H.M. destroyer "Thrasher," was found dead in his bunk at Devonport.

BRITISH POLITICS.

Rumoured Grave Crisis in the Cabinet.

DIFFERENCES ON NAVAL POLICY.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The Daily Telegraph states on what it describes as "high authority," that a grave crisis exists in the Cabinet in regard to Naval policy, the majority agreeing with Mr. Lloyd George, and opposing Mr. Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty.

The personal relations between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill are extremely strained and the resignation of one or the other from the Cabinet in the next few days is regarded as possible. Moreover, if Mr. Churchill is defeated in the Cabinet, the whole Board of Admiralty will resign.

The Cabinet discusses the question on Thursday.

Denial By Mr. Churchill.

LATER.

Mr. Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, has issued a statement in which he declares that all the newspaper statements, being based on surmise and gossip, should be uniformly distrusted. He adds that the statement that the admiralty had expressed the intention of resigning is untrue.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE M. C. C.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A telegram from Kimberley states that the M. C. C. beat the Grigalland West team by an innings and 101 runs.

VETERAN PARLIAMENTARIAN TO RETIRE.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P., announces that he will retire with Mr. Joseph Chamberlain at the next General Election. He expressed his deep gratitude to his Bordesley constituents for their 27 years' loyalty and kindness, and adds that he consulted with Mr. Chamberlain on the question of retirement. Mr. Collings, who is 83 years old, was closely associated with Mr. Chamberlain in politics, particularly in his advocacy of Tariff Reform.

DO YOU COUGH.

DON'T overstrain the fine membrane of your throat in trying to dislodge the phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will accomplish this for you, and cure the cold that is causing it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

DESPERATE SHOOTING AFFAIRS IN SHANGHAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.

Two shooting affairs occurred here yesterday of a most serious character.

A gang robbed a cash shop in the Central District, Main Street, at 7 p.m., and, in escaping, shot a Chinese policeman, who is in a serious condition.

To-day at the Mixed Court the British Assessor, Mr. Grant, strongly urged the re-introduction of the cat.

SAFETY AT SEA.

Reports Adopted by the Conference.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The Conference which has been discussing the question of Safety at Sea, having finally adopted the Reports of the various Committees, closes to-day.

The recommendations provide life-boats for all, subject to the British proviso that where the fullest use is made of space available for fitting davits, pontoon rafts may be provided for 25 per cent. of those aboard.

THE KAISER'S HEALTH.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that the Kaiser is in the best of health, and that the rumours that he is ill are untrue.

A CALCUTTA SENSATION.

Police Sub-Inspector Shot Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A telegram from Calcutta states that Detective Sub-Inspector Dripred Banath Ghose was shot dead while, slighting from a tram-car in a crowded street. Two men have been arrested on suspicion. One of them, a student from Decca, was carrying a partly-loaded revolver. The deceased had a long and distinguished record, and was prominent in all the recent political cases in Calcutta.

Nests of Conspiracies.

A telegram from Calcutta states that the Police take a most serious view of the assassination, and believe that it is now evident that there is a whole series of "further nests of conspiracy" in northern Calcutta.

A LUXURIOUSLY EQUIPPED VESSEL.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

An informal lunch and inspection will take place on the "Llandovery Castle," prior to the vessel setting out on her maiden voyage to-morrow.

The vessel is most luxuriously furnished, having special tropical equipment suitable for the East African trade. Other new features include lifts, Vienna cafe and a swimming bath.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FAMINE IN JAPAN.

AN APPEAL.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—We have been instructed by the Conference of Federated Missions, an organization comprising thirty missions working in Japan, to send forth an appeal for the relief of famine sufferers in Japan. According to an official report, issued by the Japanese Government, ten million people are in need of food in the northern prefectures and the Hokkaido. This statement is sufficient, without further comment, to give emphasis to the need of an immediate and generous response to the call of distress.

Contributions should be sent to Rev. J. L. Dearing, D.D., Yokohama, Treasurer, Conference of Federated Missions, 8, H. WATKINS, Chairman Publicity Committee.

COUGH THAT COUGH.

WHEN you have a troublesome cough it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to have it, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened, and it is just as well to get the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

A TAIKOO DOCKYARD LAUNCH.

PASSENGER STEAMER FOR THE CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

Yesterday at Taikoo Dockyard a large number of people were present to witness the launching ceremony of the steel twin screw steamer "Wuchang," built to the order of the China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., for their Yangtze and Shanghai trade. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, Mr. J. Alvis, Mr. A. W. van Andel, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. E. R. Bates, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Capt. B. R. Branch, Mr. G. A. Caldwell, Mr. D. W. Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Danby, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, and Miss Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hayashi, Mr. and Mrs. J. Owen Hughes, Capt. and Mrs. Innes, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jonckheer, Mr. E. A. Koester, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lavers, Mr. and Mrs. Lennox, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Linton, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCubbin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Finlay Miller, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nielsen, Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Lt. Col. P. J. J. Radcliffe, Capt. and Mrs. Riggs, Mr. A. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodger, Misses Rodger, Mr. V. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tompkins, Mr. E. H. Thiel, Capt. and Mrs. Pennefather, Capt. and Mrs. French, Mr. A. G. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. James, Hon. Mr. Basil Taylor, R.N., Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, Mr. James Macdonald, Mr. G. M. Young, Capt. and Mrs. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Richardson, Mr. J. M. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mr. D. W. Craddock, Mr. V. M. Smith, Col. Mrs. R. H. Hancock, Mr. J. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Van Meines.

Soon after 4 o'clock the christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Edkins, who named the vessel the "Wuchang," and amid the firing of crackers and the cheers of a large crowd, the launch was successfully accomplished.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to one of the workshops, where refreshments were served.

"SUCCEED TO THE 'WUCHANG'."

Mr. G. T. Edkins, in proposing "Success to the 'Wuchang,'" said:—"On behalf of the owners and builders I desire to express their pleasure at your attendance here to-day. It is a further pleasure to have so many ladies with us to grace the occasion (applause). This is not a time when I want to keep you with many words, but before asking you to wish good luck to the vessel we have just seen launched it is perhaps opportune to remark on a feature in Hongkong shipbuilding to which she contributes. I mean that in the past few months the number of vessels launched from our neighbours' yards and here will very likely in their aggregate tonnage constitute a record shipbuilding output for Hongkong (hear, hear). Matters do not rest there, for on both sides of the harbour there are other new ships on the stocks which bid fair to make 1914 a record shipbuilding year. While this is gratifying to those specially associated with shipbuilding, it is also of general interest in the bearing the turnover of wages for labour and other expenditure has to the prosperity of Hongkong in which we are all concerned. I may say we hope to see an output of close on 10,000 tons of new shipping this year from this yard. (Applause). With regard to the 'Wuchang' herself, I believe she is one of the two largest ships yet built in Hongkong. She is intended for trade on the Yangtze, and designed of Hongkong which we are all concerned. I may say we hope to see an output of close on 10,000 tons of new shipping this year from this yard. (Applause). With regard to the 'Wuchang' herself, I believe she is one of the two largest ships yet built in Hongkong. She is intended for trade on the Yangtze, and designed of Hongkong which we are all concerned. I may say we hope to see an output of close on 10,000 tons of new shipping this year from this yard. (Applause). 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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID	KITANO MARU	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEAT- TLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA & YOKOHAMA	SHIDZUOKA MARU	TUESDAY, 27th Jan.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU	THURSDAY, 28th Jan.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
MARSAI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
SHANGHAI, MOJI, and YOKOHAMA	BOMBAY MARU	TUESDAY, 27th Jan.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU	FRIDAY, 20th Jan.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURS- DAY ISLAND, TOWNS- VILLE AND BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
ROMA, via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	INABA MARU	THURSDAY, 28th Jan.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
CALCUTTA, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, & RANGOON	KANAGAWA MARU	SATURDAY, 24th Jan.

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ALDENHAM	Jan. 31st	Jan. 30th at 10 a.m.

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EMPIRE	Feb. 21st	Feb. 27th at 10 a.m.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	HONGKONG	Jan. 24, at 10 a.m.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	TSINGTAU	Jan. 24, at 10 a.m.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	CEBU & ILOILO	Jan. 23, at 4 p.m.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	TSINGTAU	Jan. 19, at 4 p.m.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SINGAPORE, PENANG & YATSHING	YATSHING	FRIDAY, Jan. 23, at Noon.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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